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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Tennessee Conservation League upon the celebration of their 50th anniversary.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Conservation League was founded in 1946 by a group of hunters, anglers and others who valued and were concerned about the Tennessee outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the League were to restore Tennessee's dwindling wildlife; protect its rivers, forests and other natural resources; educate the public in the methods and benefits of resource conservation; and encourage a closer cooperation between all parties interested in protecting Tennessee's natural heritage; and

WHEREAS, following the successful example of other states, the League proposed a Model Game and Fish Law for Tennessee which led to the creation of an independent game and fish commission in 1949, which is now the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency; and

WHEREAS, these early commendable efforts by the League quickly helped revitalize Tennessee's wildlife and fish populations, prompted a fuller understanding of their importance to Tennessee's economy, and encouraged broader efforts to protect and enhance their habitats; and

WHEREAS, the League has continued to volunteer its leadership and expertise on behalf of Tennessee's natural resources, with its representatives serving on both public and private advisory boards, policy review panels and resource management committees; and

WHEREAS, the League has acted as a skilled negotiator and mediator in conflicts over resource use, bringing together representatives from business and industry, public agencies, and special-interest citizen organizations and guiding them toward consensus or compromise; and

WHEREAS, it has been in the forefront of efforts to teach children and their families about conservation values, through such programs as Project WILD, NatureLink, ReLeaf Tennessee and the award-winning Project CENTS (Conservation Education Now for Tennessee Students); and

WHEREAS, the League has admirably promoted the safe and responsible enjoyment of the outdoors through such means as hunter-safety training, deer registries, and an outdoor-recreation ethics program; and

WHEREAS, it has continually adapted its activities to the changing needs of the environment and society, through such programs as Hunters for the Hungry and the Tennessee Biodiversity Project; and

WHEREAS, the League has continually throughout its history been an objective, energetic, and respected voice for the conservation interests of the state of Tennessee and all of its citizens and it is therefore highly appropriate that we honor them upon their Golden anniversary; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend the Tennessee Conservation League for fifty years of responsible and effective advocacy and stewardship on behalf of the natural and wildlife resources of the state of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.